

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SPARTANBURG DIVISION

United States of America)	Cr. No. 7:05-120-HMH
)	
vs.)	
)	OPINION & ORDER
Phillip Vincent Rankine,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

This matter is before the court for consideration of whether the Defendant is entitled to a reduction in his sentence pursuant to Amendment 706 to the United States Sentencing Guidelines (“U.S.S.G.”), effective November 1, 2007, and deemed retroactive March 3, 2008. U.S.S.G. App. C. Amend. 706 (Nov. 1, 2007).

The court has reviewed the record in this case including the Defendant’s Presentence Investigation Report. Based on this review, the court has determined that the Defendant is not eligible for a reduction in his sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(a) because the Defendant was sentenced to the mandatory minimum sentence required by statute. Based on the foregoing, the Defendant’s pro se motion for a reduction of his sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) based on Amendment 706 is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Henry M. Herlong, Jr.
United States District Judge

Greenville, South Carolina
August 28, 2008

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Movant is hereby notified that he has the right to appeal this order within ten (10) days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.